Fastest Growing Occupations

2014-24, projected



FASTEST GROWING, OVERALL

Fast-growing occupations show how the economy is changing; 4 of the 5 fastest growing occupations are related to healthcare.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGE			MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGE, 2014
Number of new jobs, in the	ousands	Percent change in employment	
Wind turbine service technicians	4.8	100.0% + 8.0% = 108.0%	\$48,800
Occupational therapy assistants	14.1	42.7%	\$56,950
Physical therapist assistants	31.9	40.6%	\$54,410
Physical therapist aides	19.5	39.0%	\$24,650
Home health aides	348.4	38.1%	\$21,380

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OCCUPATIONS WITH MOST NEW JOBS

Occupations adding the most jobs show that there will be more opportunities for employment in healthcare, retail trade, and food services.

	EMPLOYMENT CHANGE		
Number of new jobs, in	thousands	Percent change in employment	l
Personal care aides	458.1	25.9%	\$20,440
Registered nurses	439.3	16.0%	\$66,640
Home health aides	348.4	38.1%	\$21,380
Combined food preparation & serving workers, including fast food	343.5	10.9%	\$18,410
Retail salespersons	314.2	6.8%	\$21,390
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Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER REQUIRED

Occupations that typically need a bachelor's degree for entry tend to pay well.

EMPLOYMENT CHANGE			MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGE, 2014
Number of new jobs, in the	ousands	Percent change in employment	
Nurse practitioners	44.7	35.2%	\$95,350
Physical therapists	71.8	34.0%	\$82,390
Statisticians	10.1	33.8%	\$79,990
Physician assistants	28.7	30.4%	\$95,820
Operations research analysts	27.6	30.2%	\$76,660
Source: U.S. Bureau of La	bor Statistics	:	bls.gov

FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS, SOME POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION REQUIRED

These fast-growing occupations require some postsecondary education, but less than a bachelor's degree, and have above-average pay.

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Physical therapist assistants	31.9	40.6%	\$54,410
Commercial divers	1.6	36.9%	\$45,890
Web developers	39.5	26.6%	\$63,490
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor S	tatistics		bls.gov

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